

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 89-44

ACCEPTANCE OF THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY
CONTROL BOARD, CENTRAL VALLEY REGION'S 205(j)(2) PHASE II
FINAL REPORT AS COMPLETION OF THE "EVAPORATION PONDS
FOR THE DISPOSAL OF AGRICULTURAL WASTE WATER" PROJECT

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to the terms of the 205(j)(2) Phase II grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) provided \$60,000 to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Regional Board) to conduct a study to identify the extent and severity of ground and surface water contamination that may occur in the vicinity of evaporation ponds that are operated as permanent sites for disposal of agricultural drainage water.
2. The Central Valley Regional Board has completed and submitted to the State Board a final report for the Project, entitled Evaporation Ponds for the Disposal of Agricultural Waste Water: Final Report (Final Report).
3. The State Board finds that the Final Report conforms to the requirements of the Phase II grant and the project workplan.
4. The State Board finds the Final Report to be of great value to the Central Valley Regional Board and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Regional Board) in their regulation of agricultural evaporation ponds.
5. The State Board finds the Final Report to be of great value to its staff in their evaluation of applications made to the Agricultural Drainage Water Management Loan Program for funding of evaporation pond projects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Board:

1. Accepts the aforementioned Final Report as completion of the Central Valley Regional Board's 205(j)(2) Phase II Project.
2. Directs staff to transmit the Final Report to EPA as completion of the Central Valley Regional Board's 205(j)(2) Phase II "Evaporation Ponds for the Disposal of Agricultural Waste Water" Project.

3. Directs State Board staff to transmit the Final Report to the Central Valley Regional Board and the Colorado River Basin Regional Board for their use in revising and issuing Waste Discharge Requirements for agricultural evaporation pond facilities in their regions.
4. Directs the Central Valley Regional Board and the Colorado River Basin Regional Board to fully consider all recommendations of the Final Report when revising and issuing Waste Discharge Requirements for agricultural evaporation pond facilities in their regions.
5. Directs State Board staff to require all applicants to the Agricultural Drainage Loan Program for evaporation pond project funding to demonstrate full consideration of the Final Report's recommendations prior to any funding recommendations to the State Board.
6. Directs Central Valley Regional Board and Colorado River Basin Regional Board to distribute copies of the Final Report to all known operators of agricultural evaporation ponds.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on June 22, 1989.



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Administrative Assistant to the Board